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Mahoning County jury finds man guilty of Arson

(Youngstown, OH) May 23, 2023 – A Mahoning County jury has found 35-year-old Matthew Alexander guilty of several crimes, including Aggravated Arson.

Alexander was convicted for committing these crimes in September of 2020, he was convicted of the following crimes:

- Two counts of Aggravated Arson (Felony of the second degree)
- One count of Breaking and Entering (Felony of the fifth degree)

In September 2020, Austintown police were called to South Beverly Ave. for an arson investigation. The victim told police that a man, later identified as Matthew Alexander, and a woman tried to break into the victim's house for drugs. The victim tried to reason with Alexander and the woman explaining that they had the wrong house, but Alexander continued with the aggressive behavior. Following an unsuccessful attempt to break into the home, Alexander and the women set a few items in the garage on fire and proceeded to flee the scene. First responders arrived soon after and were able to track down Alexander and his accomplice by identifying the car they drove along with a video of their actions. Alexander is set to be sentenced at a later date.